

WHAT WE DID FOR YOU IN 2017

Represented your interests in the Washington State Medical Association by participating in the WSMA General Meeting and the WSMA Legislative Summit.

At the annual WSMA House of Delegates meeting, delegates from Thurston and Mason counties introduced several resolutions and worked with other county medical societies to urge the WSMA to adopt those resolutions. Board members supported resolutions to help combat the opioid epidemic that included increasing access to evidence-based medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid dependency in correctional facilities within Washington state.

Thurston and Mason County board members and member physicians participated in the WSMA Legislative Summit in Olympia, WA in January and met with state representatives to speak on priority legislative issues for the medical society.

Board members also participated in the WSMA Leadership Conference in May 2017, which provided participants with the tools to address the unique challenges and stressors faced by medical professionals and their staff.

Collaborated with local physicians and organizations to promote the practice of medicine in Thurston and Mason counties and to provide informative meetings for our members.

- **TMCMS Annual Meeting:** “New and Exciting Mental Health Services: Coming soon to a community near you...” with presentations by Thurston County Commissioner Bud Blake, Mason County Commissioner Terry Jeffreys, and Providence Community Behavioral Health Manager TJ LaRocque.
- **Thurston-Mason Health Care Champions:** TMCMS worked with the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce to recognize local Health Care Champions in the annual community event that honors local physicians and others who have gone above the call of duty in the health care field.
- **2017 Legislative Session Update:** WSMA Legislative Affairs Director and 22nd Legislative District Representative Beth Doglio gave informative presentations to members and guests about the 2017 legislative session.
- **MACRA Presentation:** Bob Perna, WSMA Director of Healthcare Economics and Practice Support, provided an overview of the Medicare/MACRA Quality Payment Program, its two pathways of MIPS and APMs, and how value-based payment models can impact your practice.
- **Buprenorphine Waiver Training:** Along with St. Peter Family Medicine and Washington Academy of Family Physicians, and in collaboration with the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, TMCMS co-sponsored a well-attended buprenorphine waiver training that could ultimately quadruple the capacity to take care of those with opiate use dependency.

Welcomed new physicians to the TMCMS. Hosted another successful New Members Social in September of 2017.

Generated frequent newsletters to keep our members informed of upcoming events and important information.

Committed to becoming more involved in the health and wellbeing of our local communities through charitable giving to local non-profit organizations like Together! This work will continue in 2018.

Referred new and displaced patients to our member practices and produced the 2017 membership directory.